

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The legend "Prior Art" has been added to each of FIGS. 1, 2, and 3A-3C.

Attachment: Three (3) replacement drawing sheets (FIGS. 1, 2, and 3A-3C)

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application.

Amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, the recitation “a disengager vessel that receives a catalyst/load mixture from a riser” added to Claim 1 is supported by the description at, *e.g.*, paragraph [69] on page 13 of the specification.

No new matter is added.

I. AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION

At paragraph nos. 1-7 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the examiner summarizes the telephonic restriction requirement previously issued in the present application.

The examiner acknowledges Applicants’ provisional election of Group I, Claims 1-16 and 25-28.

Applicants affirm their election of Group I, Claims 1-16 and 25-28, as requested by the examiner.

II. REQUEST FOR REJOINDER

Process Claim 17 depends from elected Claim 1, and each of Claims 18-24 depends from Claim 17.

Where, as here, the elected claims are directed to a product, and non-elected claims are directed to a process of using the product, if a product claim is subsequently found allowable, any withdrawn process claim which depends from, or otherwise includes all the recitations of, the allowable product claim is eligible for rejoinder. See MPEP §821.04(b). Thus, Applicants request the rejoinder of presently withdrawn Claims 17-24, upon the allowance of Claim 1.

III. RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

At paragraph no. 9 on page 3 of the Office Action, the examiner states that "Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated."

Applicants are submitting herewith replacement drawing sheets in which the legend "Prior Art" has been added to each of FIGS. 1-2 and 3A-3C, consistent with MPEP § 608.02(g).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present objection to the drawings is requested.

IV. RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

At paragraph no. 10 on page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Solely to expedite prosecution, and without acquiescing to any possible merit to the present rejection, Applicants have amended pending Claims 1-27. The amended claims satisfy the requirements of the second paragraph of §112.

Concerning the examiner's request to include in Claim 1 an element which corresponds to element 41 of Fig. 4, Applicants have added to Claim 1 the recitation "a disengager vessel that receives a catalyst/load mixture from a riser," which is supported by the description at, *e.g.*, paragraph [69] on page 13 of the specification.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present §112 rejection is requested.

V. EXAMINER'S INDICATION OF ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

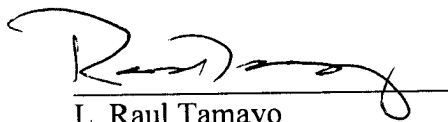
Applicants note with appreciation the examiner's statement at paragraph no. 12 on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action that Claims 1-16 and 25-28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejection and objections.

VI. CONCLUSION

reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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